

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, which are presented in accordance with revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Please replace the following paragraphs as indicated:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] Figures 1-6 show varying views of the full headmount embodiment 2 of the inventive device, which is comprised of a full mounting shell or full face mask 4, a top strap 6, an occipital assembly 8, a right strap 10, a left strap 12, and pressure pads 14, 15, 16, 18 and 20. Figure 1 shows a frontal view of the face mask 4 consisting of the left and right temporal hardware mounting surface 22 and 24, the left and right cheek hardware mounting surface 26 and 28, the forehead hardware mounting surface 28 30, the left and right eyewear bridge 32 and 34 which can also accommodate the mounting of hardware, a left and right temporal single-eyeler 36 and 38, a left and right cheek double-eyeler 40 and 42, and a frontal eyeler 44.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] The face mask 4 is held in position on the user's cranium by the top strap 6, the right strap 10 and the left strap 12, which are fabricated of an inelastic but breathable material, such as cotton, polypropylene, nylon or any such non-stretching webbing. All of the straps 6, 10 and 12 can be attached to the face mask 4 by any method known in the art. In one embodiment the top strap 6 sits atop the user's head, beginning at the frontal eyeler ~~32~~ 44. After passing one end of the top strap 6 through the frontal eyeler ~~32~~ 44, it is looped onto itself and riveted with the top strap rivet ~~34~~ 46. The other end of the top strap 6 is then passed through the top occipital double-eyeler 48 on the occipital buckle plate 8. Employing double-eyelers allows a given strap to have a point of adjustment.

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] As shown particularly in Figure 6, the backside of each of the mounting surfaces 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 has a corresponding pressure pad. For example, under the left and right temporal hardware mounting surfaces 22 and 24, there is a corresponding left temporal pressure pad 14 and right temporal pressure pad 15; under the forehead hardware mounting surface 30 there is a corresponding forehead pressure pad 16; and under the left and right cheek hardware mounting surfaces 26 and 28 there is a corresponding left cheek pressure pad 18 and a right cheek pressure pad 20. These pressure pads 14-20 are attached to the inside of the full face mask 4 by any means known in the art, such as hook and loop fasteners, glue, snaps, bonding, ~~velcro~~ VELCRO (hook and loop fasteners), etc.

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following amended paragraph:

[0062] The straps 106, 110 and 112 are fabricated of an inelastic but breathable material, such as cotton, polypropylene, nylon or any such nonstretching webbing. All of the straps 106, 110 and 112 can be attached to the half face mask 104 by any method known in the art. In one embodiment the top strap 106 sits atop the user's head, beginning at the frontal eyelet ~~+32~~ 144. After passing one end of the top strap 106 through the frontal eyelet ~~+32~~ 144, it is looped onto itself and riveted with the top strap rivet 146. The other end of the top strap 106 is then passed through the top occipital double-eyelet 148 on the occipital buckle plate 156. Employing double-eyelets allows a given strap to have a point of adjustment. Although the positioning and attachment of the second side strap 112 and the first side strap 110 as described herein can be interchanged, for purposes of illustration the second side strap 112, as shown in Figure 8, begins in the forehead eyelet 136 in the half face mask 104. The second side strap 112 can be attached to the forehead eyelet 136 in the half face mask 104 by any method known in the art, such as

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passing one end of the second side strap 112 through the forehead eyelet 136, and then passing the other end through the occipital insert double-eyelet 150 as shown in Figure 10. Passing the second side strap 112 through the occipital insert double-eyelet 150 offers the second side strap 112 a point of adjustment. The second side strap 112 can be secured to the forehead eyelet 136 or to the half face mask 104 by any means described herein.

Please replace paragraph [0077] with the following amended paragraph:

[0077] The underside of the borders to the cut out areas 206 and 208 are covered by a soft conformal foam pad similar to the pads discussed herein, in that the pad is coated with a moisture wicking material, and coated with a rot inhibitor. More particularly, the underside of the hood embodiment 204 which directly contacts the user's face, aural area, and/or head contains a single, roughly oval shaped pad, which circumscribes the underside of the hood 204. This pad is attached to the inside of the hood 204 by any method described herein or known in the art, including gluing, stitching, velcro VELCRO (hook and loop fasteners), etc.